

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Spencer Andrew Meister and David Alan Tracy

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Butler, Michael E.

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3653Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING ITEMS OF VALUE IN COOPERATION WITH
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | |
| 1051 770 | 2001 385 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

| | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Total Claims | <input type="checkbox"/> -20** = <input type="checkbox"/> 0 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> = <input type="checkbox"/> 0.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0.00 |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
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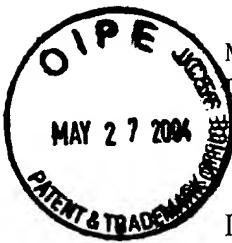
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